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LETTER DATED 20 SEPTEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

It is my honour to present you with a text of the decision of the Government of Israel regarding the Iranian airliner that was hijacked and flown to Israel yesterday:

"Israel has decided to release the plane with all its passengers, its crew and baggage. The hijacker will be detained for questioning in Israel.

"Israel condemns the hijacking of aircraft and abides by the international conventions in this regard.

"Israel strongly objects to air piracy and has decided to release the plane and its passengers despite the hostility of the Iranian Government towards Israel".

It is also my honour at this time to inform you that today at 7.20 p.m. local time, the Iranian airliner safely took off from Israel's Ovdah airfield.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Gad YAACOBI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations

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